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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : Depot Support for Project OXCART

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. On 1 January 1964, the Air Force Logistics Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, will assume full manpower and logistics function responsibilities for OXCART, [] and TAGBOARD Programs. The logistics function is now located at []

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3. The decision to transfer the logistics responsibilities to the Air Force became somewhat apparent in view of the sizeable effort required to support both the Agency and the Air Force programs at one installation. Furthermore, a separate depot stocking similar items for each program would be unwise economically and wasteful in the distribution of high cost spare parts used in both aircraft. A similar situation exists in the logistics support of the U-2. []

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4. Under AFLC direction, we have been assured that Agency operational requirements will continue to receive the highest priority. Additionally, the Agency will staff a small section, consisting of [] people, in the Depot for liaison and security purposes. The responsibilities of this small group will be to provide an immediate contact at the Depot for Headquarters and [] personnel, to assist in expediting actions through the

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Depot, and to perform the security responsibility for the Depot. Agency communications will be retained in the Depot after transfer to AFLC, and will be controlled by Agency personnel at both the Depot and Headquarters levels. OSA will continue to provide certain covert type support to the

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5. We do not anticipate any support problems in the transfer of Depot responsibilities to AFLC. Present Air Force personnel on duty at [] will be retained by AFLC and supplemented with a civilian group presently handling the open side of the Depot in obtaining Air Force and OSA items. This consolidation will allow many efficiencies in handling OXCART support without dilution of security requirements. As indicated previously, the Agency will retain the supervisory control and responsibility for Depot security. Because of the planned change in support responsibilities, you may wish to bring this information to the attention of the DDCI so that he may be kept current in the OXCART Program.

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